

PORTUGAL EXPELS FOUR U.S. LAWYERS Others Also Ousted for Investigating Prisons

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ISBON, April 11 — Portugal ordered four international lawyers to leave today for having entered into penal conditions in the country.

The lawyers, Robert W. Kenny of Los Angeles, Robert E. Treuhaft of San Francisco, Norman Endicott of Toronto and Conrado Gomez of Mendoza, Argentina, were "cordially invited to leave the country today," a government spokesman said.

The spokesman accused the lawyers of "violating this country's hospitality" and of "making inquiries into the internal Portuguese political situation and questions of public order that could be permitted by no country."

The lawyers were notified of their expulsion after they called a news conference to report on their investigation of "application of human rights" in Portugal.

The political police forbade a news conference on the ground that it was "intervention in Portugal's internal affairs," official sources said. The authorities reproached the lawyers for having made investigations on their own and, after they had gathered their information, making contact with the Government "to give a show of good faith."

Talked With Prisoners

The lawyers entered the country on tourist visas. They were said to have had talked with former political prisoners and relatives of persons currently held on political charges.

Newsmen who went to the Tivoli Hotel were informed by Mr. Kenny, a member of the bar in California, and the bar of the Supreme Court, that the police had banned the news conference and ordered that no written statement be issued to the press. Mr. Kenny said he and his colleagues had come to Portugal on an individual basis to look into human rights.

While he was talking with newsmen, he was interrupted by a plainclothesman, who informed him that he and the others were requested to report at once to the security police.

Intervention Is Denied

Mr. Endicott, who was kept under police guard at the Lisbon airport, energetically denied Portuguese charges that he and his colleagues had intervened in domestic politics.

The lawyers, who had been asked by colleagues in Paris to look into the Portuguese penal system, spoke at length with a high official in the Ministry of Justice and with the director of prisons, Mr. Endicott said.

The report on the investigation was generally "mild," he added. The lawyers concluded, he said, that the "gravest" aspect of Portuguese law was a provision for "special security measures" that allow indefinite imprisonment for political offenses.

The lawyers noted that one good aspect of Portuguese law was the absence of a death penalty.

Mr. Endicott said that unidentified but well-informed sources had estimated that there were 1,500 to 3,000 political prisoners.

Defended the Hollywood 10

Mr. Kenny, one of the nation's leading "liberal" lawyers, is a former president of the National Lawyers Guild, and was Attorney General of California from 1942 to 1946. He was elected as a Democrat at the time Earl Warren was winning his first governorship as a Republican.

Mr. Kenny gained national note as one of the principal lawyers for Hollywood's "unfriendly 10" screen writers in the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in 1947. In 1948, he was a prominent supporter of Henry A. Wallace's Progressive Party. A senior partner of the Los Angeles law firm of Kenny, Morris & Ibanez, he is a persistent crusader and reformer.

He has been accused of being a Communist and his activities have recurrently paralleled, if not coincided with, the Communist line, but there has never been direct evidence of any closer connection.

Mr. Treuhaft is the husband of Jessica Mitford, author of the controversial best-seller, "The American Way of Death."

She said he left Wednesday for Portugal to "learn about the condition of political prisoners there and draw attention to their plight." She said Mr. Kenny had interested her husband in the Portuguese situation.

Mr. Treuhaft specializes in civil-rights cases. He was a founder of the San Francisco Bay Area Funeral Society, one of the first funeral cooperatives.

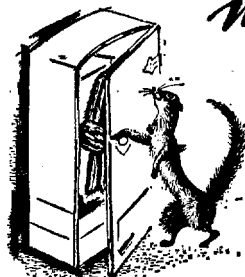
Narcotics at Cost Urged

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